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of expertise on all aquatic life in the state of Nebraska. So again, it doesn't give the department any power to do anything. And I hope you'll look at the amendment quite carefully in that regard. It doesn't say the department has the power to do this or to do that. But it does require the department to do something with their...with their results, if those results indicate that a situation...a situation requires some action. And what they would do would be to recommend to the natural resource district or districts having jurisdiction additional best management practices relating to the land application of animal waste or chemicals in that particular area. And to some extent they have some existing authority with regard to waste facilities and treatment, land applications of waste facilities currently. But this would make clear that there is intended to be a relationship between the information-gathering process and the action arms of both the Department of Environmental Quality and the natural resource districts. So, I hope this language.... I think this language is closer to being right than it was in the...in the original amendment. And I think it's a constructive suggestion which has the effect of bringing together everything that we're trying to do. So, I think I will stop at that point and...and get your reaction. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are now discussing the Beutler amendment number 1068 to the committee amendments to LB 822. Senator Schrock, on that amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler, a few things on this amendment. The first part of the amendment says the department shall regulate and monitor. At the present time they do monitor at least every five years, and sometimes as...as...as short as every three years. So I think that's covered. You know, your regular monitor, I suppose if it's read into the record that it must be at least every five years, I suppose that works, but it's already happening. When you say consult with Game and Parks Commission, that adds a new layer of bureaucracy which could add more...more state employees, I'm not sure about that. The department shall recommend to the natural resource districts having jurisdiction best management practices, I believe that's already covered under 1209, and will be covered under (LB) 870, the clean-up bill we have this year. Adding the word "chemicals" adds a